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WOODS, RANDALL

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AMENDMENT

In response to the office action dated January 14, 2002, amendment and reconsideration of the above application is requested.

Claims:

Please amend the following claims:

16. (Amended) A method of detecting the relative movement between first and second members from a close position where the members are adjacent, and an open position where the members are separated, said method comprising the steps of:

elongated switch element, a second switch element disposed in spaced relationship to the first element and a ferromagnetic body located adjacent the first and second switch elements;